AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method of treatment for preventing or treating oxidative stress, comprising the ~~The~~ use of prebiotics for the preparation of food preparations, functional foods, or pharmaceutical compositions ~~intended to prevent or treat oxidative stress~~.

2. (currently amended) ~~The use according to~~ The method of claim 1, comprising the use of at least one oligosaccharide chosen from:

- fructans
- fructooligosaceharides (FOS)
- galactooligosaccharides
- xylooligosaccharides
- soybean oligosaccharides
- gentiooligosaccharides
- isomaltooligosaccharides

3. (currently amended) ~~The use according to~~ The method of claim 1 ~~or 2~~, comprising the use of fructooligosaccharides (FOS) of general formula Glucosyl-$(Fructosyl)_n$-Fructose or $(Fructosyl)_m$-Fructose where n represents an integer from 1 to 8, in particular from 1 to 5, and m represents an integer from 1 to 8, in particular from 1 to

5, such as the short-chain FOS, 1 -kestose, nystose or fructosylnystose.

4. (currently amended) ~~The use of prebiotics according to one of claims 1 to 3~~ The method of claim 1, in the context of the prevention or treatment of oxidative stress linked to the consumption of sugars.

5. (currently amended) ~~The use of prebiotics according to one of claims 1 to 4~~ The method of claim 1, in the context of the prevention or treatment of oxidative stress linked to the consumption of fructose.

6. (currently amended) ~~The use of prebiotics according to one of claims 1 to 5~~ The method of claim 1, in the context of the prevention or treatment of oxidative stress which is due to a consumption of fructose in food greater than approximately 50 g/day on average.

7. (currently amended) ~~The use of prebiotics according to one of claims 1 to 6~~ The method of claim 1, in which said prebiotics are administered at a daily dose of approximately 1 g to approximately 20 g, in particular approximately 2 g to approximately 17 g, in particular approximately 5 g to approximately 15 g.

8. (currently amended) ~~The use of prebiotics according to one of claims 1 to 7~~ The method of claim 1, as compounds with an anti-radical effect in the context of the

prevention or treatment of oxidative stress.

9. (currently amended) ~~The use of prebiotics according to one of claims 1 to 8~~ The method of claim 1, as compounds with an anti-ageing effect linked to an effect which protects the cells of the organism against the action of free radicals.

10. (original) A food preparation comprising a mixture of fructooligosaccharides (FOS), as defined in claim 3, comprising 64 % Glucosyl-$(Fructosyl)_n$-Fructose and 36 % $(Fructosyl)_m$-Fructose, with average degrees of polymerization of 4.8, the proportion by weight of said FOS present in said preparation varying between 10% and 100%, and in particular being approximately 15% to approximately 35%, preferably approximately 20%, relative to the quantity of fructose present in said preparation.